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AML CLASSIFICATION PUBLISHED

The preliminary edition of the Army Medical Library Classification was published in January and copies are being distributed to institutions and individuals who had requested it.

The preliminary edition presents the Classification in the detailed form in which it was prepared for the Library by Miss Mary Louise Marshall and her committee of advisors. This Classification has been used in the Army Medical Library since October 1946. From this experience in the use of the Classification it has become apparent that certain modifications are needed to make it fit the Library's particular needs.

The preliminary edition is published for the information and use of interested libraries and librarians. A regular edition, to be published in a year or two, will present the classification as modified by the Army Medical Library.

The remaining copies of the preliminary edition are available for distribution on request. In filling requests, priority will be given to institutions. Inquiries regarding the Classification should be addressed to the Director.

INDEX COMMITTEE MEETING

The third meeting of the Committee of Consultants for the study of medical indexing was held in the Science and Technology Project, Library of Congress, on Friday, 14 January 1949, with all members of the Committee in attendance.

At the morning session, Dr. Sanford V. Larkey presented a preliminary report on the Johns Hopkins project, and the following working subcommittees were formed from the membership of the main Committee:

Need for Medical Indexes
    Dr. Chauncey D. Leake, Chairman
Use of Medical Indexes
    Miss Janet Doe, Chairman

Scope and Coverage of Medical Indexes
Dr. John F. Fulton, Chairman
Techniques in Indexing
Dr. Mortimer Taube, Chairman

The agenda for the afternoon session included a discussion of the interests of the Library of Congress in medical cataloging and indexing, by Mrs. Sarah Mayer of the Subject Cataloging Division, Library of Congress and an inspection of the activities in the Science and Technology Project, conducted by Dr. Mortimer Taube.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Committee on Friday, 11 March 1949.

A short meeting of the Subcommittee Chairmen was held following the adjournment of the main Committee meeting.

ACQUISITION NOTES

Receipts during the past month demonstrate the Library's international activity unusually well. From H. P. Kraus in New York came an approval shipment of about a thousand Russian dissertations which Mr. Kraus acquired in Switzerland from a Russian emigré. Preliminary sampling indicates that perhaps fifty percent of these are new to the Library, which means that the laborious task of searching the thousand pieces will be rewarded by addition to the collections of a large and interesting block of theses which probably are the sole copies in this country.

The Académie de Médicine, Paris, sent an unsolicited exchange shipment which contains among other interesting materials a number of *Festschriften* which were privately printed in small editions and consequently were unknown to us, and several volumes of proceedings of Congresses which fill gaps in the collection.

From Charles E. Tuttle, in Tokyo, came several curious and amusing allegorical Japanese block prints of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, all on subjects of medical interest such as the "subjugation of measles" (represented by a demon).

The Librarian of the Medical Faculty of the University of Cologne, acknowledging receipt of several cases of AML duplicates, has sent a valuable list of German war years' journals to which he has added the volume numbers and dates which marked their termination, suspension, resumption, etc. Such information as this is most difficult to find, and the Library proposes to share it with other institutions by publishing it in one of the professional journals.

Finally, a request came from Yugoslovenska Kniiga in Belgrade for an increase in the blanket order commitment made to them for the current fiscal year, an increase necessitated by the unexpected

volume of material which they have been able to send. Needless to say, the request was granted and we look forward to a continuing flow from this country which we once feared might be closed to us.

AML CATALOG CARDS

When the Army Medical Library suspended its cooperative cataloging agreement with the Library of Congress last April, an arrangement was made between the two libraries to insure the inclusion in the *Cumulative Catalog of Library of Congress Printed Cards* of future entries prepared in the Army Medical Library. The printing of such entries is intended as a substitute for the Army Medical Library's contributions to the Med card series, and thereby to provide other medical libraries with a record of cataloging done in the Army Medical Library.

The Library of Congress is publishing a special *Supplement* (approximately 145 pages) to the *Cumulative Catalog*, limited to titles cataloged in the Army Medical Library from 1 April to 31 December 1948. It should be noted that the main body of the *Cumulative Catalog* contains entries for medical titles, including current copyright titles, cataloged in the Library of Congress. Army Medical Library cards for such titles, constituting about 24% of the titles cataloged, are omitted from the *Supplement*.

A separate printing of this section will be available for sale to medical libraries at a price to be announced later. Inquiries should be addressed to the Card Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C.

ALA MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

Mr. Scott Adams and Miss M. Ruth MacDonald of the Library staff were present at the Midwinter Conference of the American Library Association, held in Chicago at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, January 20 to 23. Mr. Adams reported to the General Session as President of the District of Columbia Library Association and also took part in discussions concerning the organization of acquisition interests. Miss MacDonald attended as a member of the ALA Council and a member of the Executive Board of the Division of Cataloging and Classification.

ARTICLE ON PICTURE COLLECTION

The Picture Collection of the Army Medical Library is the subject of an article in the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association, January 1949, by Miss Helen Homans Cambell, Registrar of the Army Medical Library's Art Section. The article describes the

collection, the procedures followed in recording the material, and the files which are found in the Art Section. One of these files is the Union Catalog of Portraits, which contains references to portraits in the John Crerar Library, New York Academy of Medicine Library, The College of Physicians Library (Philadelphia), Northwestern University Medical School Library, and the Jefferson Medical College Library, Philadelphia.

MISS KUCH DIES

Miss Mildred C. Kuch, Editor of the Current List of Medical Literature, died in a Philadelphia hospital on Friday, 7 January 1949. She was buried in Peru, Indiana.

Born in Farmer City, Illinois, Miss Kuch was graduated from the University of Illinois and also attended the University of Chicago. She joined the Army Medical Library staff in November 1947.

SUPPLEMENT TO DE RICCI CENSUS OF MANUSCRIPTS

Announcement has recently been made that work has begun on the preparation of a supplement to the *Census of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the United States and Canada,* compiled by the late Seymour De Ricci with the assistance of W. J. Wilson. This two-volume work was published in 1935-37 (the index in 1940). The supplement to the *Census,* which will contain descriptions of manuscripts not previously listed as well as amplification and emendation of present entries, is now being prepared under the auspices of the American Council of Learned Societies with C. U. Faye of the University of Illinois Library as editor.

Dr. William Jerome Wilson, Chief of the History of Medicine Division of the Army Medical Library, who was assistant editor of the original *Census,* is acting in an advisory capacity in connection with the publication of the *Supplement.* He also plans to list for the *Supplement* the sixteenth century manuscript holdings of the Army Medical Library.

Institutions and private collectors having manuscripts written before 1600 (excluding Oriental manuscripts, papyri, and epigraphic material) are asked to communicate with Professor C. U. Faye, P. O. Box 395, Champaign, Illinois.

LIST OF REFERENCES

A selected list of books on tropical medicine, supplementing the list of May 1948, has been prepared in the Reference Division. A limited number of copies is available for distribution on request.

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